MINUTES

OF THE

Eleventh Annual Sesson

OF THE

Colored Missionary Baptist Convention,

OF ALABAMA,

HELD WITH THE

Second Colored Baptist Church,

OF MARION, ALA.,

November 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th, 1878.

OFFICERS:

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MARION, ALA., November 13th, 1878.

The Eleventh Annual Session of the COLORED MISSIONARY BAPTIST CONVENTION OF ALABAMA, pursuant to adjournment, convened at 11 o'clock a. m., with the Second Baptist Church of Marion.

President, M. Tyler in the chair. 122nd Psalm read, Hymn, "Soldiers of Christ arise and put your armor on," sung, and prayer offered by Bro. B. Burke of Mobile. Upon the suggestion of Bro. Burke, the introductory sermon was postponed until 7½ o'clock, p. m.

Bro. McAlpine in extending to the Convention the welcoming of his church and the people of Marion, said:

"Brethren, we have looked forward to your meeting here, with pleasure. We welcome you as the messengers of *that* Lord and Friend whom we love, and greatly delight to honor and serve. We have labored to prepare for your comfort, this *edifice*, our *homes* and our *hearts;* and our hope has been that you would prove a blessing and comfort to us, and we to you."

The roll of Churches, Associations, and Sunday Schools, was called and the following answered:

Auburn Association—Rev. Thomas Glenn.
Alabama District Association—Rev. M. Tyler, J. A. Foster.
Rushing Springs " —Revs. W. H. McAlpine, C. O. Booth.
Bethlehem Association—Not represented.
Dallas Co. Association—Revs. Thos. Moseley, P. Underwood.
Rehoboth Wilcox Co.—D. Boyd, R. Nelson.
Uniontown Association—Revs. J. Dozier, H. Stephens, G. J. Brooks, J. W. White and Bro. N. R. Nickerson.
Eufaula Association—J. Shorter.
Col. Bethlehem " —A. Cunningham, A. Stolesworth.
Union " —Rev. S. Adams.
Pine Grove " —Rev. E. Thornton.
Mt. Pilgrim " —Rev. A. C. Jackson.
Shelby Springs " —Rev. Joe Smith.
Snow Creek " —Not represented.
Sheuplar " — " "
New Cahaba " —Rev. W. Wyatt, P. Williams, B. F. Watson, H. C. McGhee.
Antioch Association—
Muscle Shoals " —Letter and donation of $5.60.
Eastern " —
Selma Church—Rev. G. J. Brooks.

Mulberry Church—Rev. S. M. Ransom.
Second Baptist Church, Marion—Rev. W. H. McAlpine, J. C. Curry, I. Smith.
Antioch No. 1—J. P. Lucas, Sam. Carter.
Cubahatchie—J. W. Wood, F. P. Parker.
Hopewell—Charles Goree.
Ramah Church—Rev. C. Blunt.
Stone Street Church, Mobile—Rev. B. Burk.
St. Louis Street " " —Rev. A. Butler, A. Adams.
Friendship " —Rev. W. Wyatt.
Bethel " —Rev. G. C. Casby.
Mt. Zion " —Rev. Thos. Smith.
Rehoboth " —Rev. Thos. Smith.
Lowndesboro " —Rev. M. Tyler.
Elbethel " —L. Ellington, G. Germany.
New Canaan " —Rev. J. Ware.
Union " —H. C. McGhee.
Damascus " —J. W. Wood, J. Davis.
Epsebah " —Rev. M. J. Patterson.
Mt. Zion " near Mobile—Rev. A. Butler.
Little Mariah " —Rev. H. Brothers.
Macedonia " —Rev. C. Blunt.
Little Roxanna " —S. Taylor.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Marion Sunday School—J. W. Curtis.
Rama Sunday School—C. Blunt.
Lowndesboro Sunday School—M. Tyler.
Bethel " " —G. C. Casby.
Bethany Sunday School—A. Cunningham.

Committee on Organization—A. Cunningham, J. W. Stephens, J. Shorter, H. Wood, W. H. McAlphine.

Committee on Devotional Exercises—W. H. McAlpine, J. C. Curry, I. Smith.

Committee on Finance—H. Stephens, Sam. Carter, W. R. Pettiford

The following resolution from W. H. McAlpine, was adopted.

Resolved, That the Convention meet from day, to day, as follows: For Prayer Meeting, 9 a. m.; resume Business at 10 a. m; adjourn ar 3 p. m.; re-assemble at 5 p. m.; adjourn at 7 p. m.

Upon the suggestion of Bro, C. O. Booth, Dr. M. T. Sumner on being requested, addressed the Convention and said:

God is above, look up, and your hearts and lives will go well. Rest assured that you have the sympathy of your white brethren and we are glad that we have yours.

Committee on Nominations reported as follows which was adopted:

For President, Rev. M. Tyler; Vice-President, Rev. B. J. Burke; Treasurer, Rev. T. Smith; Corresponding Secretary, Rev. G. C. Casby; Clerk, N. R. Nickerson.

Committee on Order of Business—C. O. Booth, W. H. McAlpine, J. W. Stephens.

Committee on the Reception of New Churches—J. Shorter, A. Butler, J. Blevins, T. Smith, John Ware.

On the suggestion of the President, Rev. G. Washington of Ga., came forward, was introduced and said:

Dear Brethren, I am glad to meet with you in your Cenvention, I am glad to see that this Convention is in a prosperous condition. I may say, more so than ours of Georgia. He spoke of the youth of Alabama and Georgia; and drew a contrast between the progress of the two. In concluding his remarks he earnestly solicited the prayers of the brethren, for the progress and furtherance of their institution.

Bro. W. R. Pettiford also made a few remarks, which was received by all with much interest. He said:

Dear Brethren, as I am called on by the President to say something, I can not from my heart ask to be excused; as I am so very much interested in the school we have located at Selma, I will speak principally about it. He related the first cause of his entering upon this work; and that the education of our young ladies and gentlemen will be the means of cementing and elevating our race.

Report of Committee on Order of Business received and adopted:

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Wednesday—From 5 to 7 p. m., appointment of Committees. Reading of Letters and Communications. Half-past 7 o'clock, preaching.

Thursday—From 11 a. m. to 2 p. m., report of Sunday School Board and the general consideration of Sunday School work. From 2 to 3 p. m., general Education. From 5 to 7 p. m., Ministerial Education. Half-past 7 o'clock, preaching.

Friday—10 a. m., to 3 p. m., report of School Board and the consideration of Normal and Theological School. From 5 to 7 p. m., the Baptist Pioneer. Half-past 7 o'clock, preaching.

Saturday—From 11 a. m. to 12 m., Associational work. From 12 m. to 3 p. m., report of Committees, and Treasurer. From 5 to 7 p. m. Miscellaneous Business.

W. H. McALPINE,
J. W. STEPHENS,
C. O. BOOTH,
} Committee.

Mr. W. E. Rickard was introduced to the Convention, and made some cheering remarks.

After singing the 56th hymn from the Psalmist, "Sweet is the work, my God, my King," and prayer by Bro. Jno. Dozier, Benediction was pranounced by Bro. B. Burke. Adjourned until 5 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment, President in the chair. After singing hymn 468, "Oh for a heart to praise my God," prayer by Bro. P. Underwood, President announced the body ready for business.

Reading of Letters was resumed. Bros. W. R. Pettiford and B. F. Watson were appointed as letter readers.

Antioch—Rev. John P. Lucas, Samuel Carter.

Goodwill Association—Revs. A. Butler, C. C. Richardson, C. Reid.

Canian Church—Elder John Ware.

Dog River Church—Rev. A. Butler.

Elizabeth Church—Lucas Ellington.

Macedonia Church—T. T. Taylor.
Mt. Olive Church—S. B. Price.
Spring Hill Church—Jacob Cothran.
Pleasant Grove Church—D. W. Smith.
Adjourned until 7½ o'clock.

NIGHT SESSION.

Regular Devotional exercises were held. Rev. H. Stephens proceeded to preach the introductory sermon. Text, Luke, 10 chap. 17th verse: "And the seventy returned again with joy, and said, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name." After listening to the interesting sermon from Rev. Stephens, there was a collection raised of $10.41.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, Nov. 14th, 1878.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment, President M. Tyler in the chair. Hymn 361 was sung, "Come ye that love the Lord," prayer by Bro. Prince Murrell, the President then announced the Convention ready for business.

The minutes (with necessary corrections) were received and adopted.

On motion, the report of Sunday School Board, was deferred until 12 o'clock. Reading of Letters was resumed.

Beulah Church—W. M. Harrison.
Mt. Zion " —Rev. A. Scott.
New Hope " —Lewis Calvary.
Siloam Association—

The Sunday School Board made a majority and a minority report:

The majority report provided for the creation of a Sunday School State Convention, to have its own proceedings, to be printed in the minutes of the Colored Baptist Convention of the State of Alabama. The minority report provided for the prosecution of the Sunday School work through the Sunday School Board, and that said Board be allowed an agent to represent them, and the privilege of raising collections among the Sunday Schools and Churches in the interest of Sunday School work; but the Board to assume no expenses which the Convention shall be bound to pay. And further, that the Sunday Schools shall send up the statistics of their Sunday Schools in their Church Letters, which shall be entered upon the minutes of the Convention; and that one of the delegates elected to represent the Church, or Association, be authorized to represent the Sunday School: That one day of the session of the Convention be devoted to the interest of the S. S. work.

The minority report was adopted in lieu of that part of the majority report which provided for the creation of a Convention. See rep.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. B. J. Burke of Mobile.

EVENING SESSION.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment. After singng hymn 335, "a broken heart, my God, my King, is all the sacrifice I bring," and prayer by Bro. Lewis Calvary; the President announced the the Convention ready for business.

The subject of Ministerial Education was taken up and the following committee was appointed on Ministerial Education, viz: Bros. E. K. Love, S. Jones, G. J. Brooks, T. Glenn and J. Ware.

Reading of Letters from Associations, Churches and Sunday Schools resumed.

1st Col. Baptist Ch. Union Springs–P. Mathews, Rev. E. Thornton.

Pine Top Church—J. McKesson.

Good Ship Church—L. Calvary.

On motion, the report from eommittee on Ministerial Education was received, and after a great many remarks had been made on this subject, (by the request of the President), among whom were Bros. E. K. Love and S. Jones, the report was adopted. See report.

Adjourned until 7½ o'clock.

NIGHT SESSION.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment. Rev. J. Blevins preached the sermon on Baptism from Mathew, 19th verse and 20th chap. After which, the 540th hymn was sung, "down to the sacred wave, the Lord of life was lead," and a collection of $12,50 was raised. After singing another hymn, and benediction by Rev. J. Blevins, the Convention adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock a. m., Friday.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, November 15th, 1878.

Prayer meeting from 9 to 10 o'clock, a. m., conducted by Bro. Anderson Adams. Convention met pursuant to adjournment, President in the chair. Usual devotional exercises were held, and conducted by Rev. G. Washington of Ga., using hymn 310, "let every mortal ear attend, and every heart rejoice." Prayer by Rev. Washington, the body then proceeded to business.

The minutes of the last meeting (after necessary corrections) were received and adopted.

On motion, a resolution offered by Bro. Love, to have the form of a letter printed in the minutes, which those who write letters to the Convention should take as a guide in aiding them to write a correct letter was adopted. See blank form. Reading of letters resumed.

Arkadelphia Church—Wallace Allen.

Pine Top Church, (Butler Co.)—Wallace Allen.

Antioch " " "

Antioch " (Barber Co.)—S. Fantroy.

Montgomery" —Rev. J. A. Foster, Wm. Thompson, J Efferson.

Pike Road " —Sam Franklin.

Bethlehem " —S. Fantroy.

Macedonia " —Robert Fegins.

Mt. Pisgah " —A. C. Jackson.

Rock Creek " —L. Calvary.

Morning Star Sunday School—C. A. Crawford.

Second Baptist Church---

Bethel " ---Rev. G. C. Casby.

New Prospect " --

Committee appointed on time, place and annual sermons as follows: Revs. C. O. Booth, G. J. Brooks and Jas. A. Foster.

Resolution was offered by Bro. E. K. Love, to have two annual sermons only. Lost. Reading letters resumed.

Garfield Church---S. Jones, John Upshure.

Little Maria " ---H. Brothers.

On motion, the report of Committee on the reception of new Churches, received and adopted.

Report of Committee on New Churches and Association as follows:

Green Oak Church—J. McKesson.

Ebenezer " ---Logan Martin, Marion, Ala.

Palestine " ---J. McKesson, Demopolis, Ala.

Morning Star Association---John Leonard.

Moscow Providence Church---Thomas Austin. Received and adopted.

The Board of Trustees made their report, which, after many interesting speeches from several, was received and adopted. See report.

On motion, the order of business was suspended for the consideration of the question relating to the articles of the Educational Association.

On motion, the convention gave place, (by suspension,) for the organization of the Stock Company, which was done, by electing Rev. M. Tyler as president, and N. R. Nickerson as clerk.

Adjourned until 7½ o'clock.

NIGHT SESSION.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment. Bro. E. Thornton preached the sermon on the "Lord's Supper," from 23 verse, 11th chap. 1 cor.; afterward the 492 hymn was sung, "soldiers of Christ arise." A collection of $8.15 was raised. Adjourned.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, November 16th, 1878.

Prayer meeting from 9 to 10 o'clock a. m. Convention met pursuant to adjournment, President in the chair. Usual devotional exercises were conducted by Bro. Thomas Glenn. Hymn 502 was sung "am I a soldier of the cross, a follower of the lamb?" and prayer by Bro. Glenn. The body then proceeded to business.

On motion, the order of business was suspended for the further consideration of the articles of Association.

On motion, the articles of Association were taken up article by article, and after some amendments were adopted as a whole. See Articles of Association.

On motion, there was an opportunity given to all Associations, Churches and individuals to become members of the Educational Association.

On motion, the stockholders and the convention consolidated to elect the trustees.

On motion, the following were appointed on the committee of nomination of Trustees: Bros. P. Mathews, S. Fantroy, W. R. Pettiford, A. Cunningham, Jas. A. Foster, W. H. McAlpine, A. Butler.

After singing 169th hymn, "tis finished, so the Savior cried," and prayer by Bro. H. Wood, the Convention adjourned to 5 o'clock p.m.

EVENING SESSION.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment, President in the chair. Hymn 384 was sung, prayer by Bro. A. C. Jackson. President then announced the body ready for business. Reading letters resumed.

Pilgrim Church—Willis Pleasant.

On motion, two dollars from Mr. Albert Walker was received and his name to be entered upon the minutes, also, the same from Mr. Williams, both of Lowndes Co.

Spring Hill by letter.

Citronell by letter, $3.00.

Mt. Zion Church---S. M. Ransom.

Bethlehem " by letter,

Pleasant Grove Church---H. Fowlkes.

On motion, the report from committee on time, place and preachers of annual sermons was received and adopted. See report.

On motion, the report of committee on the nomination of Trus tees for Convention and the Educatioual Association was adopted by substituting W. B. Patterson in place of Rev. H. Stephens. See report.

By the consent of the body, there was a collection of $5.00 raised for old Bro. Nathan Ashby of Montgomery, who is an old member of this convention. This old brother being paralized and unable to provide for his daily wants, asked the convention for aid. The cord of sympathy seemed to be touched among the delegates, and at the request of the president, several brothers came forward and contributed liberally to that dear old soldier of Christ. God bless you our dear old brother, may you in your declining days ever keep your aim on the promises of that dear Savior who promised eternal rest to those who hold out until death.

On motion, the following resolution offered by Bro. Mathews was adopted.

Resolved, That the subject of State Missionary be left with the Board of Trustees, and that the Board are hereby instructed to employ, (if in their wisdom they think it best,) agent or agents by quarter, and said agent or agents shall be required to make quarterly reports; and when said report fails to meet the expectation of said Board of Trustee, they are hereby empowered to discontinue said agent or agents.

The following resolution offered by Bro. W. H. McAlpine, adopted.

Resolved, That we have one thousand (1000) Minutes printed; and that we allow fifty dollars ($50.00) or more for printing Minutes, and $25.00 for Clerk fee.

Report of committee on devotional exercises adopted. See report.

The following resolution offered by Bro. G. C. Casby, adopted.

Be it Resolved, That a vote of thanks be tendered to the citizens of Marion, for their kindness and hospitality to the delegates since we convened here.

On motion, a vote of thanks was tendered to the president for his impartial ruling, and also to his subordinate officers.

On motion, a vote of thanks was tendered to Bro. T. Smith for his honesty and uprightness since he has been treasurer of the convention. The following resolution by Bro. E. K. Love, adopted.

Resolved, That the Board of Home Missions of the white Baptist Convention be requested to co-operate with our Board.

On motion, Revs. C. O. Booth and Jas. A. Foster, were appointed as messengers to the State Convention of our white brethren, which meets in Birmingham in July, on Friday before the 2d Lord's day 1879.

On motion the report of the Auditing committee, adopted.

W. H. McAlpine, Missionary, found that there had been an omission in his last year's report of six dollars from the County Line church (Dallas co.,) and five dollars from the Hepsiby church, which he reported and turned over the $11.00, to the convention.

On motion of Rev. J. W. White, the sexton was allowed $8.

On motion by Bro. P. Mathews, the *Baptist Pioneer* (a paper now edited by W. H, McAlpine of Marion, Ala.,) was accepted as the organ of the Colored Baptists of Ala., and Ministers and members requested to subscribe for it.

On motion, Revs. M. Tyler and W. H. McAlpine were appointed as fraternal messengers to the Georgia State Convention, which meets in Atlanta, Ga., Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in May, 1879.

All the money of the convention was by vote, turned over to the Board of Trustees, with instructions to pay of all claims ordered by the convention.

A vote of thanks tendered to the different Railroads of the State, for reduced rates over the Railroads.

Sang hymn, shook the parting hand, and adjourned to meet with the First Baptist church; Opelika, Ala., Wednesday before the third Sunday in November, 1879. REV. M. TYLER, President.

N. R. NICKERSON, Rec. Sec'y.

REPORTS.

ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Board have not been able to do much during the past year, in the line of our Sunday Schools over the State, still we would recommend that the S. S. work should be prosecuted through the Board. And that the Board be allowed an agent to represent them, and the privilege of collecting money among the Sunday Schools and Churches of the State in the interest of Sunday School work, but not to make any debts for which the Convention shall be responsible. And further, that the Sunday Schools send up to the Convention the statistics of the Sunday Schools in

the Church letters, which shall be entered upon the Minutes of the Convention, and one of the delegates elected by the Church or Association shall be authorized to represent the Sunday School. That one day of the session of the Convention be devoted to the interest of the Sunday Schools.

The following Resolutions were offered by the Board:

Your Board learns with soul thrilling gratitude, that the State of Alabama has been greatly blessed in the person of our worthy Bro. Rev. C. O. Booth. We would earnestly recommend that he be cordially received by the Sunday Schools and churches as the representative of the Sunday School Board in Ala. Your Committee believe that the Home Mission Board struck the nail exactly on the head, when it appointed the Rev. C. O. Booth. He is our choice, bless God. Your Committee feels that the strong army of Jehovah is at work for us. He knows we are his poor.

WHEREAS, The AMERICAN BAPTIST PUBLICATIOF SOCIETY of 1420 Chestnut st., Philadelphia, Pa., have appointed Bro. Booth, their Sabbath School Missionary to the Colored people of Alabama, placing in his hands Bibles, Testaments, Denominational and practical religious books for the use of our Ministers, Churches, Sabbath Schools and others, to be sold to us at reduced prices, thus bestowing upon us and our children, a blessing of which there is a crying need, and for the reception of which, we feel profoundly grateful; Therefore be it

Resolved, That we recommend that all our Churches, Ministers, Sabbath School Teachers, Sabbath Schools and all wishing, respectful notice, select goods, at low rates and honest business dealings, to send all their orders for Bibles, Testaments, Books, Maps, Papers and everything else needed in the book and stationery line, to the above named society.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

The Committee on Ministerial Education, beg leave to report:

We, your Committee, learn with much joy, the advancement education has made in our midst. Ministerial education is very much needed among our brethren. Though many of them have made commendable progress in Scriptural and general knowledge, yet, the majority of our brethren, are yet in the dark. We hail with soul thrilling joy,the steps taken by this Convention to promote Ministerial and general education in the State of Ala. We commend the enterprise in Selma, Ala.,to the prayers, sympathies and support of all the lovers of our Redeemer's Kingdom. The Normal and Theological College in the city of Selma, will be the bright and Morning Star of the State of Alabama. Your Committee pray that she may stretch her wings over the entire State, and let her influence be felt for good. Our brethren need Ministerial education, without which, they cannot do the work of the ministry successfully. We urge upon our ministry to study the Bible. The Bible should be studied, because it reveals life and death, Heaven and Hell. It reveals God's will to a lost and ruined world—reveals our true apostate State—reveals death through Adam and life through Jesus Christ. It throws a flood of light upon the immortality of the soul which Ancient philosophers cannot understand. The Bible reveals the only pure wisdom.

Your Committee is convinced of the fact that a Bible in the heart is not enough to

prepare a man to preach, he must know what he is to preach. The Bible is plain on this subject. Study the Scripture is the language of the inspired Apostle—Jesus said search the Scriptures. We would be glad to know that our brethren are crowding the Normal and Theological College at Selma. We would earnestly recommend to the brethren, that if possible, they should spend three or four months in this School. Your Committee feels that with the strong arm of Jehovah to help us, we shall conquer. We see God has been with us in the commencement, and we believe he will complete the work begun. You Committee beg the Convention to encourage the work under the care of Rev. Bro. Woodsmall. Our young people are crowding the School and we feel that it will not be long ere Alabama will mount upon the wings of intelligence and love, until it shall be known to the world, that Ethiopia has stretched forward her hands intelligently to God. God helping us, we will go forward. All of which is respectfully submitted by your Committee.

REV. E. K. LOVE,
" G. J. BROOKS,
" S. JONES,
" T. GLENN,
" J. WARE,
} Committee.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

We have employed during the conventional year, Rev. J. W. Stephens and W H. McAlpine, as agents, who raised the following amounts: J. W. Stephens raised during the year, $837.00; expenses and salary, $800 leaving in favor of the Board, $37.00. W. H. McAlpine raised during the year, $1,395.00; expenses and salary, $853.00, leaving in favor of the Board, $542·00. The Board commenced the School in Selma, in January, 1878, according to the instruciton of the Convention, at the meeting last year in Eufaula, Ala. We succeeded in securing the Baptist church, to teach in. We employed Rev. H. Woodsmall and W. R. Pettiford as teachers, who successfully carried on the school for five months, and closed with a very interesting examination. There was an average attendance of about 40 scholars, eight of whom were in the Theological class, the rest in the literary department.

There was an expense of $8.00 for coal, lights, etc., and $350 paid to the teachers, making in all $358.00 paid out for the running of the School five months.

The Board had a meeting at the close of the school, and found that the Fair Grounds, in Selma, Ala., a piece of property containing 36 acres of land, with building, could be bought for $3.000. The Executive Committee of the Board were instructed to have the titles examined, and if found good, to pay the first thousand dollars. They did so, and on the 3d day of July, 1878, they paid one thousand dollars on the property. The terms upon which we purchased, were as follows: To pay one thousand dollars down, one thousand in six months and the third thousand in twelve months after the second, with interest from date. We employed Rev. H. Woodsmall to travel North in the interest of the School, during the summer vacations, and through his labors the salary of three teachers has been provided for—two young ladies from Indiana and a young man from North Caroliua.

We have again employed Rev. H. Woodsmall and Bro. W. R. Pettiford as teachers in the school for another year. Rev. H. Woodsmall is made President of the School. We have now commenced the school out on the Fair Ground, in one of

the buildings. There are now five teachers in the School and about 150 scholars. We feel that the dark cloud that has hung over the work is giving away and the light comes slowly bursting in. We do not think that there is any doubt of our being able to meet the second payment on the property. The only thing now before us is themonthly payment of the two teachers who are dependent upon us for a support.

To the Board of Trustees of the Ala. Baptist Normal and Theological School :

DEAR BRETHREN :—I submit the following in relation to work as your agent, money received, &c., during the past year :

Received from Churches and persons in the State :

Dec. 16, '77,	From Mt. Maria Church, Lowndes Co.	$14 10
Jan. 13, '78,	" Rev. J. White's Church, near Selma,	8 30
March 4, "	" Eufaula Church,	10 06
May 11, "	" Cedar Grove church,	2 00
" 12, "	" County Line church,	2 00
" " "	" Providence church	1 00
" " "	" Rock church,	5 00
" " "	" Aimwell church,	1 00
" 30, "	" Pleasant Grove church, Bullock county,	1 00
" " "	" Pupils for tuition from Jannary to June,	51 75
Nov. 15, "	" Rev. J. Shorter, Eufaula,	1 00
"	From Pupils for tuition from October to date,	49 25
		$146 46

Received from the North :

Nov. 8, '77,	From Miss Julia Adams, Boston,	$ 5 00
Dec. "	A. H. Porter, Brooklyn, N. Y.	25 00
" "	American Baptist Home Mission Society,	100 00
1878, Feb.	From Rev. M. Reed, Mexico, Ind.,	4 00
March 20,	From Logansport church, Ind.,	32 80
" 21,	" Students of Franklin College, Ind.,	22 00
May, 3.	" South Street church, Indianapolis,	78 00
" 15,	" Miss Julia Adams, Boston,	15 00
June 14,	" Prof. Moncrief, Franklin, Ind.,	1 00
" 17,	" Dr. Wyeth, Indianapolis,	11 38
" 30,	" Tabernacle church, New York,	25 00
July, 5,	" Dr. Wayland, Philadelphia,	5 00
" 10,	" Dr. G. D. B. "	5 00
" 15,	" Thurlow Weed, New York,	5 00
" 15,	" Samuel Colgate, "	50 00
" 25,	" Thomas Grigs, Brookline, Mass.,	1 00
" 28,	" Walter Denison, Groton, Ct.,	1 00
" 31,	" Dr. Wayland, Philadelphia,	5 00
Aug. 4,	" Dr. Palmer's church, Zanesville, Ohio,	10 00
" 4,	" J. Qualls,	25
" 7,	From Carman Family, Indianapolis,	4 75
" 15,	At Sand Creek Association, Ind.,	12 57
" 18,	From Lett's Corner church,	3 00
" 21,	At Fleet Rock Association, Ind.,	4 10
" 22,	From W. A. Bell, Indianapolis,	1 00
" 25,	At Bethel Association, Ind.,	14 65
Aug. 27,	From J. J. Hungate, Salem, Ind.,	5 00
" 28,	From J. W. Hanna, Brown's Valley, Ind.,	1 00
Sept. 4,	At Bedford Association, Ind.,	7 15
" 5,	From W. W. Gainey, Bedford, Ind.,	5 00
" 6,	From Mitchell church, Ind.,	7 50

"	12, At Richmond, Ind., at Association,	7 60
"	14, From Middle Fork church, Ind.,	10 00
"	14, From Thorntown church, Ind.,	10 00
"	14, From T. R. Caldwell, Reeses Mills, Ind.,	1 50
"	14, From Middle Fork Sugar Creek ch. "	4 50
"	14, From Bunker Hill church, "	4 50
"	14, From Deer Creek S. S, Ind.,	1 30
"	14, From Galveston church, "	8 55
"	14, At Judson Association, (Coll.)	3 85
"	15, From Quincy church,	2 00
"	16, From Harmony Association, N. Y., Dr. Fulton,	20 00
Oct.	15, From Dr. Wyeth, Indianapolis,	15 00
	Total received from the North,	$545 92
Nov.	10, Received from Mrs. M. E. Howes, Atlanta, Ga.	25 00
	Total cash receipts from all sources,	$717 38

In accordance with request of the Board I went North in June and spent over three months. I visited some of the leading cities East and West, and several Associations in Indiana, and everywhere, where I had an opportunity to speak of the school and the noble efforts the colored Baptists of Alabama are making to establish it, and in other ways help themselves, I found warm friends for our work. I succeeded in arranging for the support of three teachers, without expense to the Board. Prof. M. W. Alston, late a student in Shaw University, North Carolina, and who gives promise of great usefulness, is supported by Captain Ebenezer Morgan, of Groton, Conn. The Baptist women of Indiana have given us two admirable teachers and devoted Christian workers; Miss Emma Jordan, of Indianapolis, and Miss Emma Heustis, of Lawrenceburg. Miss Heustis has charge of the musical department. Miss Auritta Hoyt, of Inpianapolis, one of the ablest, most widely known and esteemed Baptist women in Indiana, has undertaken to collect Miss Jordan's support; and a society, composed of the leading women in Miss Heustis' Association, has been organized to raise means towards her support. Bro. W. R. Pettiford has done valuable work for the school during vacation, and will no doubt raise a large part of his salary from churches and associations visited.

Sheldon & Co., of New York, recently gave the school near $400 worth of excellent text books. Other valuable gifts of books, charts, &c., have been received during the year. In addition to the foregoing a good many churches and individuals have promised contributions, and Rev. W. N. Wyeth, D. D., Indianopolis; Deacon George W. Chipman, 93 Court st., Boston; Rev. J. D. Fulton, D. D., Brooklyn, N. Y.; James S. Swarts, Esq., 1123 Chestnut st., Philadelphia; and Rev. Moses Broyles, 260 Blake st., Indianapolis, (appointed by colored Baptist state Convention of Indiana,) have kindly consented to receive and forward money.

Considerable has been done in the way of fitting up the property, and thus far at but little expense; much of the work having been done by the brethren and friends at Selma, and students. Further improvements are needed; among other things there is pressing need of a chapel. The fitting up of rooms on the grounds for the use of students, or rather the arranging of a plan for giving them the privilege of fitting up rooms themselves, is a matter that demands immediate attention. One young

man has prepared a room already, and others desire to do so. It is of the utmost importance that all encouragement possible be given to students to help themselves in this way.

In conclusion, it affords me great pleasure to be able to report that the prospects for the school are most encouraging. We have one hundred and fifteen pupils already, and many more are expected soon. If the friends of the school will only have confidence in themselves, faith in God, work earnestly, and do all heartily as unto the Lord and for his glory, success is sure.

Selma, Ala., Nov. 15, 1878, H. WOODSMALL.

Names of persons who have given one dollar or more to the school:

1877.

Dec. 16.	Rev. Frank Brooks,	Mt. Moriah Church, Lowndes Co. . . .	$1.00
" "	Dea. Robert McCode,	" " " " " . . .	1.00
" "	Dea. George Neloon,	" " " " " . . .	1.00
" "	Dea. James Hill,	" " " " " . . .	1.00
" "	Henry Ross,	" " " " " . . .	1.00
" "	Albert Ross,	" " " " " . . .	1.00
" "	Frank Nelson,	" " " " " . . .	1.00
" "	Geo. W. Sarles,	" " " " " . . .	1.00
" "	H. E. Hill,	" " " " " . . .	1.00

1878.

Jan. 13.	Samuel Thompson,	Mt. Zion Church, Dallas Co. . . .	1.00
" "	George Powell,	" " " . . .	1.00
" "	Joseph English,	" " " . . .	1.00
" "	Nelson Thompson,	" " " . . .	1.00
" "	Joshua Harris,	" " " . . .	1.00
Nov. 15.	Rev. J. Shorter, Eufaula, Ala.		1.00

W. R Pettiford's report as assistant agent 1878.

To the Board of Trustees.

Dear Brethren:—I take pleasure in submitting the following in relation to work that I have done in behalf of your board: I traveled as Colporteur and Bible reader for the American and Foreign Bible Society during the months of June, July, August and September, and did what I could to raise money for the board. I am sorry that I have not more to report, but am thankful to say that I have raised the sum of $139.19, from July up to the present. Expended traveling, writing, stationary, &c., $28.50, leaving for the board $110.69. I have already paid over to the Executive committee of the Board of Trustees the above amount, and have their receipt for the same.

Respectfully submitted,
W. R. PETTIFORD.

The above report was examined by the auditing committee of the board, and found to be all correct.

Report of C. O. Booth, Assistant Agent and Clerk of the Convention:

C. O. Booth,	Dr.	Cr.
To Cash, 1877, ...	$75.00	
By printing Minute		$46 50
By Mailing "		5 00
By Stationery, ...		1 00
By work on Minutes at Montgomery, ...		3 00
By Telegram 45 cts, Express 50 cts.		95
By Recording Minutes and writing to collect money, ...		12 00

By Discount on nine Mexican dollars,	1 35
	$69 80
To Balance on hand,	5 20

I collected during the year the following Amounts:

Shelby Springs Association for stock,	$20 00
J. L. Whisenant, "	10 00
C. O. Booth. "	10 00
Baptist church at Shelby Iron Works,	11 40
A. B. Headen, donation,	2 00
Y. B. Sims, donation,	1 00
Miss Lillie Curry, donation,	1 00
Miss Kate Curry, "	50
Baptist church, Columbiana Shelby county,	3 60
Mr. Stringer, donation,	3 00
Mr. Jones "	1 00
H. Williams, "	1 00
H. H. Johnson, "	1 00
I. B. Howard, "	1 00
	$66 50
To balance,	5 20
	$71 70

Respectfully submitted, C. O. BOOTH.

The above report was examined by the Auditing Committee of the Board, and found to be correct.

W. H. McAlpine's report as Assistant Agent:

To the Board of Trustees of the Normal and Theological School, Selma, Ala.:

DEAR BRETHREN—I take pleasure in submitting the following, in relation to what I have done. I began my work Dec. 1st, 1878. I have labored nine months, preached about 50 sermons; delivered 25 lectures; traveled 2,000 miles; written 1000 letters; raised six thousand dollars in stock subscriptions, and in cash by subscriptions and collections, $1,395 00.

Expended traveling, writing materials, printing receipts, circulars and Pioneer, $192 15; paid to Executive Committee of the Board, $283 00; for Clerk fees, $40 00; Salary $334 45; balance on hand, $542 00.

The following is a list of the Churches and individuals who have contributed to the school outside of those who have joined the Educational Association:

CHURCHES.					
Uniontown, collection,	$11 45	sub.	$6 00		$17 45
Greensboro, do	14 05	do	5 00		19 75
Selma, do		do			2 35
Gainesville, do	1 00	do	5 00		6 00
Tuskaloosa, do	90	do			90
Bethlehem, Hale county	18 00	do	14 50		32 50
Bethlehem, Conecuh county,	3 00	S. S.	1 00		4 00
Demopolis, collection,	1 00				1 00
Oak Grove, Hale county, collection	4 00				4 00
Mt. Maria, do	8 15				8 13
Lowndesboro, do	8 00				8 00
Mt. Hebron, do	1 00				1 00
Ænan, do	1 00				1 00
Sawyerville, do	1 00				1 00
Willow Springs, do	1 00				1 00
Oxford, do	3 50				3 50

Childersburg, collections			3 00		3 00
Jerusalem,	do		1 00		1 00
Mardisville,	do		1 00		1 00
Newbern,	do		6 25		6 25
Springfield,	do		2 25		2 25
St. Paul,	do		3 45		3 45
Friendship,	do		2 00		2 00
York Station,	do		2 00		2 00
Sumterville,	do		10 40	sub. $4 15	14 55
Jones Creek, Sumter county, collection,			1 60		1 60
Livingston, collection,			12 25		12 25
New Prospect, Sumter county, collection,			2 25	sub. $15 10	17 95
A. Zion, Dallas county, collection,			2 00		2 00
John Baptist,	do		2 00		2 00
St Peter, Wilcox county,	do		1 00		1 00
Pine Grove,	do		1 00		1 00
El. Bethel, Dallas county,	do		3 00		3 00
St. Paul, do	do		2 00		2 00
A. M. E. Methodist	do	do	4 00		4 00
Summerfield	do	do	2 00		2 00
Baitie Springs,	do	do	1 00		1 00
Hepsiby, Shelby county.		do	8 00		8 00
Rama. Lowndes	do	do	10 40		10 40
McKinley, Marengo	do	do	4 55		4 55
Boligee, Green	do	do	1 00		1 00
Mt. Zion, Dallas	do	do	10		10
Marrs Hill, Hale	do	do	12 00		12 00

INDIVIDUALS.

Rev. H. Woodsmall turned over	$14 10
Mrs. Elvira Waller on subscription	75
Jas. Bliss of Gainesville, Ala. for Bethlehem Association,	12 00
A. H. Curtis turned over	4 80
R. B. Hyles, Gadsden, sub.,	5 00
Ed. Walker, Brown's Station, sub.,	5 00
J. W. Harris, Marion, Ala., do	1 00
Rev. T. Smith, treasurer turned over,	20 50
Subscription	2 25
Registered letter from H. Williams, sent to convention at Eufaula,	2 50

Respectfully submitted, W. H. McALPINE, Ass't Agent.

The above report was examined by the Auditing Committee of the Board and found to be correct

The Auditing Committee failed to make any report upon J. W. Stephen's financial report, and we are unable to give an itemized report from the report of J. W. Stephen's, that will correspond with the report he made to the Board of Trustees.

W. H. McALPINE,
N. R. NICKERSON.

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF THE ALABAMA NORMAL AND THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL.

We, the undersigned, form ourselves into an Association, under the provisions of the Constitution and Laws of the State of Alabama, as set forth in the Code of 1877.

ARTICLE I.—The coporate name of this Association shall be The Alabama Baptist Normal and Theological School, and by such name and style shall have suc-

cession and exist forever; and the corporate seal thereof shall be a circle formed by the words: "Ala. B pt. Nor. & Theo. School."

ARTICLE II.—The object of this Association shall be to awaken a livelier interest in Education among the Baptists of Alabama, and especially to establish, maintain and operate a Normal and Theological School at Selma, Alabama, under the auspices of the colored Missionary Baptist Convention of Alabama.

ARTICLE III.—The capital stock shall be fifty thousand dollars, divided into shares of fiftydollars each. Any person, church, association or corporation may become a stock holder in this association.

ARTICLE IV.—The management of this association shall be vested in a board of Fifteen Trustees, to be elected as hereinafter provided, who shall annually elect of their number a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer; and said Trustees and Officers shall hold their respective offices until their successors in office shall be qualified.

ARTICLE V.—The Board of Trustees of this Association, and Faculty of this Institution. including the President, shall be members of the Baptist Denomination whose principal state organization is known as "The Colored Missionary Baptist State Convention of Alabama."

ARTICLE VI.—The Board of Trustees, provided for in Article XII, shall have full power to control and manage the business affairs of the school, elect and pay the necessary professors and teachers of said institution, and employ such agents as may be necessary, adopt such resolutions and by-laws for the government of its officers and members, and for the management of said institution, as they may think proper; and have full power to do any legal act necessary to carry into effect the objects of the Convention and Association, provided they shall never act against the expressed will of the Convention. Five of said Trustees shall constitute a quorum to do business.

ARTICLE VII.—The Board of Trustees shall elect one of their number, who, with the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, shall constitute an Executive Committee, three of whom shall constitute a quorum, with full power and authority to transact any business that may require the attention of the Board during its interim; provided that the Executive Committee shall have no power to convey any real estate belonging to the Convention and Association, or to appoint or dismiss any member of the Faculty, without express and particular authority from the Board of Trustees-

ARTICLE VIII.—The Secretary shall keep full records of the meetings of the Board and of the Executive Committee, including therein, all financial reports; preserve for reference all papers; draw all orders on the treasury voted by the Board or Executive Committee; issue calls for meetings, and turn over to his successor in office, all books, papers, etc., in his possession.

ARTICLE IX.—It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to give a bond in the sum of five thousand dollars or more, as the Board of Trustees may direct; to keep a complete set of books, which shall be open to the inspection of any stockholder; to make an annual report in writing to the stockholders, stating in detail, all moneys received and paid out by him; also, the amounts and character of all notes, bonds and other property of the Association in his hands; to receipt for money, notes, bonds.

etc., received by him, and to pay out money only on the written order of the Board of Trustees, signed by the Secretary thereof. In no case, whatever, shall the Treasurer use for his own benefit, or loan to others, any money or other property belonging to the Convention and Association; but shall deposit the same in some bank, designated by the Board of Trustees or Executive Committee.

ARTICLE X.—It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to see that the Treasurer gives a proper bond, and to have the same increased as may be deemed necessary; appoint each year a committee of one or more, whose duty it shall be to examine the Treasurer's report, together with his books, accounts, vouchers, notes, deeds, moneys, bonds, and all other species of property held by him for the Association, and to make a written report of the result of such examination; to invest the funds of the Convention and Association only in United States Bonds, or make loans on first class mortgages on real estate worth three times the amount loaned; and to do any thing necessary to protect the property of the Association and Convention.

ARTICLE XI.—Provision shall be made for securing money for an endowment and other special purposes,as well as for buildings and current expenses, and money or other property, specially designated, shall be sacredly kept and used for such designated purpose.

ARTICLE XII.—The stockholders shall meet at the time and place of next annual meeting of the State Convention. (Marion, Ala., November 13, 1878,) and annually thereafter, at the time and place of meeting of said Convention, for the purpose of electing their *pro rata* of the Trustees. At the first meeting, three classes of Trustees shall be elected, to serve one, two, and three years respectively; and five shall be elected annually thereafter, to serve for three years; three of said Trustees out of five, to be elected by the stockholders, and two by the Convention. Each stockholder shall have one vote for every share held by such stockholder. Said Board of Trustees shall annually submit to a joint session of the Convention and Association a report of the management, receipts and expenditures of the school.

ARTICLE XIII.—In order that all may become stockholders in the great work of furnishing education to our people, it is provided that the subscription to the capital stock may be paid in five annual installments, and that payment of the first installment shall give all the privilege of a stockholder, until the next payment falls due; no one, however, shall be entitled to vote who has failed to meet any payment then due.

ARTICLE XIV.—These Articles of Association may be amended,or new provisions added thereto, at any meeting of the stockholder, by a majority of those present and voting; *provided*, no change shall be made, so as to change the denominational relation of the Board of Trustees and Faculty, as therein provided.

ARTICLE XV.—We, whose names are hereto attached, agree to pay the amount of capital stock, set opposite our respective names; it being understood that the privilege is given of settling this subscription by notes of even date herewith, payable annually on the first day of November, each for one-fifth of the amount subscribed.

The following are the names of Associations, Churches, and Individuals, that have joined the Educational Association:

ASSOCIATIONS.

	AM'T.	PAID.
Uniontown Association	$1,500	$300
Ala. Dis. Association	500	50
Shelby Springs Association	100	20
Rushing Springs Association	100	20
New Cahaba Association	100	20
Colored Bethlehem Association	50	10
Pine Grove Association	50	10
Eufaula Association	50	10

CHURCHES.

Bethlehem Church, Hale Co	50	10.
Talladega church	50	10
Salem church, Greenesboro	50	10
Good Hope church, Brown's Station	50	10
Second Baptist church, Marion, Ala	50	10
Uniontown church, Uniontown	100	20
1st Colored Baptist church, Montgomery	100	30
Antioch church, Eufaula	50	7
New Prospect church, Baitie Springs	50	10
Union Springs church	50	10

SUNDAY SCHOOLS,

Uniontown Sunday School	50	10
Marion " "	50	10
Greenesboro " "	50	10
Good Hope " "	25	5

MINISTERS.

Rev. M. Tyler	50	10
Rev. H. Stevens	50	10
Rev. J. W. White	50	10
Rev. A. Scott	25	5
Rev. D. R. Willis	25	5
Rev. J. Blevings	25	5
Rev. J. Dozier	50	10
Rev. A. Cunningham	25	5
Rev. I. Walk	50	10
Rev. W. Wyatt	25	5
Rev. I. Early	25	5
Rev. E. K. Love	50	10
Rev. A. McQuary	25	5
Rev. J. Shorter	25	1
Rev. A. Butler and wife	50	10
Rev. Sam Fantroy	50	2
Rev. H. Wood	5	1
Rev. P. Underwood	10	5
Rev. R. Fagens	5	1
Rev. I. Rouse	5	1
Rev. C. O. Booth	50	10
Rev. W. H. McAlpine	50	10
Rev. B. J. Burk	50	10

BRETHREN.

Nich Tutt	50	6
C. W. White	50	10
J. Smith	50	10

Dennis Washington	50	10
Thomas Willis	5	1
Henry Byr	50	5
Le is Calhoun	50	6.50
Davy Jordan	50	10
Davy Perry	50	10
Anderson Smith	50	10
Green Tarrent	50	10
John Moore	50	10
J. P. Billingsley	50	10
W. B. Patterson	50	10
Jacob Carthron	10	2
Logan Marine	25	5
Sam Abecrumby	25	5
Mrs. Lovinasa Conway	25	5
Filus King	50	10
Pompie Stone	50	10
Mrs. M. E. Howes	50	25
J. F. Whisenant	50	10
T. V. Love	50	10
Hamton Barron	10	2
P. Matthews	5	1
David Smith	5	1
Lewis Burk	5	1
Henry Burk	50	10
Edward Scott	5	1
J. F. Washington	50	10

Report of the Committee on time, place and preachers of annual sermons: That the Convention meet with the First Baptist Church at Opelika, Ala., on Wednesday before the third Lord's day in November, 1879, at eleven o'clock a. m. Introductory sermon by T. Smith and T. Glen. Baptismal sermon by J. W. White and A. Scott. Lord's Supper by J. Dozier and P. Lucus. Church Government by J. W. Stephens and G. C. Casbey. Historical sermon by W. H. McAlpine and P. Williams. Educational sermon by E. K. Love and W. R. Pettiford. Missionary sermon by A. Butler and P. Gill. Perseverance of the Saints by J. McKessan and S. Adams.

Respectfully submitted,

G. J. BROOKS,
J. H. FOSTER,
D. LAIN,
} Committee.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ALABAMA BAPTIST NORMAL AND THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL.

FOR ONE YEAR TERM.

Rev. M. Tyler, Lowndesboro, Rev. J. A. Foster, Montgomery,
Rev. W. H. McAlpine, Marion, Rev. A. Butler, Mobile.
Rev. C. O. Booth, Citronelle.

SECOND YEAR TERM.

Rev. E. Thornton, Union Springs, Rev. John Dozier, Uniontown,
Rev. G. J. Brooks, Selma, Rev. J. W. White, Selma,
Prof. W. B. Patterson, Marion.

THIRD YEAR TERM.

J. P. Billingsly, Esq., Marion, Rev. A. C. Jackson, Birmingham,
Rev. J. Shorter, Eufaula, Rev. T. Glenn, Columbus, Ga.,
Rev. A. Cunningham, Bellville.

SUNDAY SCHGOL BOARD.

W. R. Pettiford, Selma, J. W. White, Selma,
A. Cunningham, Bellville, S. Jones, Wetumpka,
H. Sullivan, Camden, P. Mathews, Union Springs,
G. C. Casby, Montgomery, E. K. Love, Marion,
J. P. Barton, Tuscumbia, A. C. Jackson, Birmingham,
S. Ransom, Calhoun Sta., Lowndes Co., H. Wood, Talladega,
W. Wyatt, Marion, S. Fantroy, Eufaula.

EYECUTIVE BOARD.

Rev. M. Tyler, Lowndesboro, Rev. B. J. Burke, Mobile,
T. Smith, Montgomery, Rev. G. C. Casby, Montgomery,
N. R. Nickerson, Marion, E. Thornton, Union Springs,
S. Jones, Wetumpka, D. M. Phillips, Tuskegee,
A. Butler, Mobile, H. Wood, Talladega,
A. Cunningham, Bellville, G. J. Brooks, Selma,
J. A. Foster, Montgomery.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

MARION, ALA., NOV. 18, 1878.

The following members of the Board of Trustees met on Monday after the adjournment of the convention, viz: M. Tyler, Jas. A Foster, C. O. Booth, W. H. McAlpine, A. Butler, A. C. Jackson, A. Cunningham, J. W. White, G. J. Brooks, J. Dozier, J. Shorter, E. Thornton, W. B. Patterson, T. Glen, J. P. Billingsley

Prayer by C. O. Booth. Rev. M Tyler elected as president of the board, G. J. Brooks vice-president, W. H. McAlpine secretary, J. P. Billingsley treasurer.

On motion the following churches were allowed by the pastors to have donations sent to convention go as part payment on stock which they desired to take in the Educational Association.

1st Colored Baptist Church, Montgomery, took one hundred dollars stock and paid $30. Antioch Baptist Church, Barbour county, took fifty dollars stock and paid $7. Union Springs Church took fifty dollars stock and paid $10.

All churches requested to forward as soon as they can the amount they desire for stock. Rev. C. O. Booth was allowed $6. as donation toward his work as Sunday School Missionary for the State of Alabama. Letter, with $5. enclosed, from the Muscle Shoals Association, was sent by Rev. J. P. Barton, of Tuscumbia, and the secretary was requested to answer the same, and have the Association entered upon the minutes of the convention. W. H. McAlpine, of Marion, Ala., was made by a vote the general agent of the board, at a salary of $45. a month above expenses. The Executive committee of the board was empowered to have sub agents over the state under the general agent. J. W. Stevens, was requested to turn over all the books, papers, &c., in his possession, that belong to the board, to the general agent. Rev. J. W. White, of Selma, Ala., was chosen as a member of the Executive committee of the board. Rev. Dr. E. T. Winkler and Judge P. King visited the board and were invited to seats.

Dr. Winkler, in behalf of the white Baptist Convention, addressed the board, and made interesting remarks, in which he said, "That the colored brethren of the state and of the south may rest assured that they have the warm sympathy and prayers of their white brethren for their success morally, intellectually and religiously." Judge King also made interesting and sympathetic remarks.

Dr. Winkler stated that Rev. S. S. Cutting, the secretary of the Home Mission Society, and Dr. Lathrop, were on their way visiting the southern work, and would visit the Home Mission Board here at Marion, with the view of seeing what could be done to aid the colored Baptist ministry, and for general mission work. Some remarks were made in reply to what Dr. Winkler said, and a committee of three, consisting of Revs. C. O. Booth, J. Dozier and W. H. McAlpine, were appointed to meet with the Home Mission Board, and Drs. Cutting and Lathrop, and confer with them in reference to work, as indicated by Dr. Winkler.

$2. was allowed Rev. H. Stephens as interest on $80. borrowed by the Executive committee to assist them in meeting payments.

The Executive committee were instructed to pay the one thousand dollars down at once on the property if any interest could be saved.

The Pioneer was continued if it could sustain itself. The Executive committee

was instructed to purchase necessary record books, notes, and articles of association as amended.

Allowed to W. R Pettiford $25. for kind services rendered to the school in raising money during the summer. Matters pertaining to renting out school grounds, &c., were referred to the Executive committee.

Rev. H. Woodsmall paid $80. and W. R. Pettiford $25. each for services rendered as teachers in the school. N. R. Nickerson, Clerk of the Convention, paid $25. and the sexton paid $8. Total amount paid out $182.00.

Adjourned subject to the call of the president.

ASSOCIATIONS, WITH NO. OF CHURCHES AND MEMBERS IN EACH.

ASSOCIATIONS.	Churches	Members	ASSOCIATIONS.	Churches	Members
Ala. Dist. Association . . .	52	10,030	New Cahaba Association . .	11	950
Rushing Springs " . . .	20	3,384	Antioch " . .	.	. . .
Dallas County " . . .	28	4,912	Eastern " . .	.	. . .
Uniontown " . . .	50	10,000	Goodwill " . .	15	1,378
Eufaula " . . .	48	5,852	Auburn " . .	36	3,318
Col. Bethlehem " . . .	37	3,026	Shady Grove, not represented	23	3,054
Union " . . .	.	. . .	Muscleshoals Association .	32	4,025
Mt. Pilgrim " . . .	10	450	Bethlehem " .	44	5,354
Shelby Springs " . . .	27	1,660	Siloam " .	21	3,435
Sarupsha, not represented .	.	. . .	Morning Star " .	16	600

Associations 20—Churches 270—Members 61,429.

CHURCH LETTER TO THE CONVENTION.

To Missionary Baptist State Convention which meets with the . . . . . Baptist of Christ, at . . . . . Ala., Nov. . . . . , 18 . . . The Baptist Church of Christ, at . . . . . Ala., seudeth Christian Salutation: The time has again come, when it is our pleasant privilege to correspond with you by letter and messenger. The Lord has blessed us this year. We send to sit with, and aid you in your deliberations,

Brethren——— ——————————————————————————

——————————————————and Pastor——————————————

STATISTICS.

Received by Baptism . . . . . ———
Received by Letter . . . . . ———
Restored . . . . . ———
Excluded . . . . . ———
Dismissed by Letter . . . . . ———
No. Deaths . . . . . ———
Total Membership . . . . . ———

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Send for Missions, $ . . . . . ———
Send for Minutes, $ . . . . . ———
Send for Normal and Theological School, $———

STATISTICS OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Name of Superintendent . . . . . ——————————————————
No. of Books in Library . . . . . ———
No. of Teachers . . . . . ———
No. of Scholars . . . . . ———
Send for Minutes, $ . . . . . ———
Send for Normal and Theological College, $———
Send for Destitute Sunday Schools . . . $———

Tear out this blank form, fill it out and send it to the Convention that meets in Opelika, Wednesday before the 3d Sunday, in Noqember, 1879.